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Book Notices.

The Smaller Cambridge Bible for Schools.

The Smaller Cambridge Bible for Schools. Samuel I and II, with map, introduction and notes, by the Rev. A. F. Kirkpatrick, B. D. Cambridge; at the University Press. Pp. 128, 128. Each vol. 30 cents.

Our readers have heard many times of Kirkpatrick's *Samuel*. The same material in a more elementary form is furnished in this series. The size of the book is smaller, the type smaller; some matter has been omitted. But for the purpose, viz., the use of "junior schools," and for the price, one shilling, it is all that could be asked for. If in this cheaper and more popular form, as much good is accomplished as has come from the publication of the series in its larger form, there will be just cause for rejoicing. Besides those on *Samuel*, there are also ready the volumes on *Matthew* by Rev. A. Carr, and *Mark* by Rev. G. F. Maclear.

The Psalms in Greek.

The Psalms in Greek according to the Septuagint; edited for the Syndics of the University Press by Henry Barclay Swete, D. D., Honorary Fellow of Gonville and Caius College. Cambridge; at the University Press. 1889. Pp. i-xiii. 213-415.

The first volume of this edition of the Septuagint was noticed two years ago. The separate publication of the psalter will prove exceedingly convenient. The text is that of the Vatican, supplemented by the Sinaitic. In footnotes are given the variants of four other MSS. viz., the Codex Alexandrinus, the Verona and Zurich Psalters, and the papyrus fragments preserved at the British museum. This psalter gives us Psalms 9 and 10 as one psalm; likewise Psalms 114, 115. Psalms 116 and 147 are here divided each into two Psalms. This would leave the whole number of Psalms one hundred and fifty; but to this number is added one not found in the Hebrew psalter, celebrating David's encounter with Goliath, making in all 151. The Psalter is divided, as in the Hebrew text and the Revised Version, into five books, a division not really recognized in the Greek MSS. The text is printed so as to show the members of the Hebrew parallelism. This indication is in the Greek, though the different MSS do not always agree as to the members. There are many who though unfamiliar with Hebrew, can read Greek. There is now no excuse for such, that there is no satisfactory text. This edition is not, to be sure, perfect; but it contains a really satisfactory basis for work. We must express our disappointment that there should have been selected for so important a work, type so small and paper so thin.